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In re application of: Junichiro SAKATA  
Serial No.: 09/853,567  
Filed: May 11, 2001  
For: PLAYBACK APPARATUS, PLAYBACK METHOD, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM  
Date: July 26, 2002  
Group A.U.: 2644

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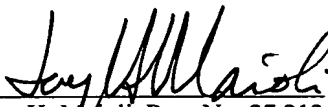
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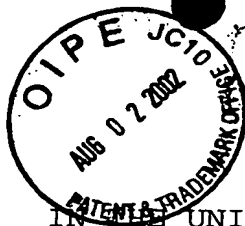
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ Total claims in excess of \_\_\_ previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9) \_\_\_
- ☐ Independent claims in excess of \_\_\_ previously paid for, at \$84 (\$42) \_\_\_
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment \_\_\_
- ☐ This Response is being filed within the \_\_\_ first month, \_\_\_ second month, \_\_\_ third month, \_\_\_ fourth month, \_\_\_ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of \_\_\_ \$110 (\$55), \_\_\_ \$400 (\$200), \_\_\_ \$920 (\$460), \_\_\_ \$1,440 (\$720), \_\_\_ \$1,960 (\$980) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ \_\_\_ set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified  
application, Applicant respectfully requests that the  
application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting  
same to read as follows:

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--Audio data are played back by a personal computer, a  
relationship with a playback process is recognized easily.  
Displays showing the contents of play lists are arranged and